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SUBJ: SHAKEUP IN TURKISH AIRLINES

REF: (A) ISTANBUL A-15; (B) ISTANBUL 923

1. IN A LONG-ANTICIPATED MOVE (SEE REFS. A AND B) THE TURKISH AIRLINES (THY) BOARD WAS REPLACED AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS ON MAY 2. AGASI SEN, A RETIRED AIR FORCE COLONEL AND FORMER THY GENERAL MANAGER, WAS NAMED CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND ERHAN ISIL, A FORMER TREASURY DIRECTOR GENERAL IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ONE OF THE THY AUDITORS, WAS APPOINTED VICE CHAIRMAN. ROUNDING OUT THE FIVE-MEMBER BOARD WERE PROFESSOR FAHIR TERIZOGLU (PROF. OF AVIATION AT ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY), AHMET OZTURK (RETIRED AIR FORCE COLONEL) AND RECAI KUTAN (GENERAL MANAGER OF TUMAS).

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2. REPORTEDLY THE FIRST ACTION OF THE NEW BOARD WAS TO FIRE THE LONGTIME DEPUTY GEN. MGR. SUPHI ISCEN AND TO APPOINT NEW ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGERS. HOWEVER, TWO WERE HELD OVER FROM THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION (UNSAI, TECHNICAL; AND COBANOGLY, FINANCE), ALTHOUGH ONLY IN AN "ACTING" CAPACITY. MAHMUT MARSAN, ASST. GEN. MGR. FOR PLANNING AND COORDINATION, HAS BEEN NAMED ACTING GENERAL MANAGER. IT IS EXPECTED THAT AGASI SEN WILL EVENTUALLY TAKE OVER AS GENERAL MANAGER WHICH WOULD CONSOLIDATE POLCIY DIRECTION AND OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AIRLINE IN HIS HANDS.

3. COMMENT: AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, CHANGES IN THY BOARD AND APPOINTMENT SEN AS CHAIRMAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED. ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL CHANGES WERE NO DOUBT GIVEN IMPETUS BY DISASTROUS DC-10 CRASH IN PARIS. ALL BUT ONE OF THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS HAVE HAD AVAITION EXPERIENCE, PROBABLY THE RESULT OF EXTENSIVE CRITICISM THAT FORMER BOARDS WERE MADE UP PRIMARILY OF POLITICIANS AND BUSINESSMEN.  
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